IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 22 to 27 as follows. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 21. (Cancelled).

22. (Currently Amended) A peripheral apparatus which is connectable to a computer, the peripheral apparatus comprising:

a control unit which controls the peripheral apparatus; and

a power control unit which controls supply of power from a battery connected to the peripheral apparatus to the control unit,

wherein the power control unit starts supplying power from the battery to the control unit after the power control unit detects that the computer is connected to the peripheral apparatus,

wherein the control unit checks whether or not a predetermined request is received from the computer after the power control unit starts supplying power from the battery to the control unit, and

wherein the control unit controls the power control unit ~~decides to supply~~ so as to continue supplying power from the battery to the control unit if ~~it is determined~~ the control unit determines that the predetermined request is received from the computer, and controls the power control unit so as to avoid supplying power from the battery to the control unit for a predetermined time if the control unit determines that the predetermined request is not received from the computer.

23. (Currently Amended) [[An]] A peripheral apparatus according to Claim 22, wherein the control unit controls the power control unit ~~avoids~~ so as to avoid supplying power from the battery to the control unit if ~~it is determined~~ the control unit determines that a request for shutting off power is received from the computer after the predetermined request is received from the computer.

24. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a peripheral apparatus which is connectable to a computer, the peripheral apparatus including a control unit which controls the peripheral apparatus and a power control unit which controls supply of power from a battery connected to the peripheral apparatus to the control unit, the method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

a step of starting a supply of power from the battery to the control unit after the power control unit detects that the computer is connected to the peripheral apparatus;

a step of checking whether or not a predetermined request is received from the computer after the power control unit starts supplying power from the battery to the control unit; [[and]]

a step of controlling the power control unit so as to continue supplying ~~deciding to supply~~ power from the battery to the control unit if it is determined that the predetermined request is received from the computer; and

a step of controlling the power control unit so as to avoid supplying power from the battery to the control unit for a predetermined time if it is determined that the predetermined request is not received from the computer.

25. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 24, further comprising ~~the~~ a step of ~~avoiding~~ controlling the power control unit so as to avoid supplying power from the battery to the control unit if it is determined that a request for shutting off power is received from the computer after the predetermined request is received from the computer.

26. (Currently Amended) [[An]] A peripheral apparatus according to Claim 22, wherein the peripheral apparatus is capable of operating as an electronic camera when the peripheral apparatus is not connected to the personal computer.

27. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 24, wherein the peripheral apparatus is capable of operating as an electronic camera when the peripheral apparatus is not connected to the ~~personal~~ computer.